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SUMMARY: GOJ PLEASED WITH RESULTS FIRST SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS OF SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT WITH IAEA WHICH WERE HELD IN EARLY JUNE.

GOJ AND IAEA HAVE EXCHANGED PAPERS AND PLAN MEET AGAIN IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. GOJ PLANS PRESENT LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO IMPROVE NATIONAL SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM TO DIET AT ITS NEXT REGULAR SESSION (DEC 73 - MAY 74). END SUMMARY.

1. IN RECENT WEEKS EMBOFF AND AEV SCIREP HAVE DISCUSSED JUNE 6-12 GOJ-IAEA MEETINGS CONCERNING NPT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT

WITH VARIOUS JAPANESE OFFICIALS INCLUDING FONOFF DISARMAMENT
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DIV CHIEF NOMURA, FONOFF SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS DIV CHIEF TANAKA,

ATOMIC ENERGY BUREAU OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION DIV. CHIEF SHIBATA, AND NUCLEAR MATERIALS CONTROL CENTER (NMCC) DIRECTOR KAWASHIMA. WHILE UNIFORMLY RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS MEETINGS IN DETAIL, THESE OFFICIALS GENERALLY SAID GOJ WAS PLEASED WITH OUTCOME OF THESE FIRST SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH IAEA. TANAKA SAID GOJ IS NOW SATISFIED THAT IAEA IS IN PRINCIPLE PREPARED TO TREAT -0-, -, \$ 374-59. "EQUALLY" WITH RESPECT TO WAY SAFEGUARDS ARE TO BE APPLIED IN EACH. JAPANESE EXPLAINED PLANS TO EXCHANGE PAPERS AND MEET AGAIN ON UNSPECIFIED DATE IN EARLY SEPTEMBER AS SET FORTH IN PARAS 1-3 REF B. TANAKA SAID THAT NEITHER SIDE HAS YET PRESENTED DRAFT WORDING ON ANY PORTION OF AGREEMENT.

2. KAWASHIMA SAID THAT GOJ IS HASTENING PREPARATION OF LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO IMPROVE JAPAN'S NATIONAL SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM. BOTH KAWASHIMA AND TANAKA EXPECT THAT THIS LEGISLATION AND INCREASED BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS FOR NMCC WILL BE PRESENTED TO DIET DURING NEXT REGULAR SESSION (DEC 73 - MAY 74) SO THAT NMCC WILL BE ABLE TO IMPLEMENT IMPROVED NATIONAL SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM ON BEHALF OF GOJ FROM BEGINNING OF JFY 1974 (APRIL 1, 1974 - MARCH 31, 1975).

3. RE TIMETABLE FOR COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH IAEA, TANAKA TOLD EMBOFF THAT FONOFF IS TAKING LINE WITHIN GOVT THAT NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN TIME TO PRESENT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT TO NEXT REGULAR SESSIONS OF DIET IN ORDER TO KEEP PRESSURE ON OTHER AGENCIES TO COMPLETE WORK RELATED TO SAFEGUARDS NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, TANAKA CLEARLY IMPLIED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE PROLONGED AND THAT AGREEMENT WOULD NOT BE READY IN TIME FOR PRESENTATION TO NEXT REGULAR SESSION OF DIET. KAWASHIMA HOWEVER IS MORE OPTIMISTIC THAT NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE CONCLUDED QUICKLY.

4. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL SPECULATIVE ARTICLES IN JAPANESE PRESS RECENTLY REPORTING GOJ'S INTEREST IN EARLY RATIFICATION OF NPT. ONE GEPORT IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE YOMIURI SAYS GOJ HAD DECIDED TO SEEK DIET APPROVAL FOR RATIFICATION AT NEXT REGULAR SESSION. NOMURA SAID THIS YOMIURI STORY WAS INACCURATE. TANAKA'S RECENT REITERATION THAT FONOFF INTENDS TO SUBMIT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT AND NPT TO DIET SIMULTANEOUSLY STRENGTHENS CONFIDENTIAL

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EMBASSY'S BELIEF THAT NEITHER WILL BE READY FOR PRESENTATION TO DIET DURING ITS NEXT REGULAR SESSION. SHOESMITH

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